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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 1645  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/054,536

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Art Unit: 1645

For: RECOMBINANT HUMAN MANNAN-  
BINDING PROTEINS AND PRODUCING  
METHOD OF THE SAME

Examiner: S. J. N. Devi

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005, finally rejecting claims 14-17, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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